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From: Brogden, Rose

**Sent:** Fri 8/14/2015 2:22:07 PM

**Subject:** Re: ...neutral pH before sending it to the environment...Form submission from: Emergency Response to Gold King Mine Release Contact Us About Emergency Response to the Gold King Mine

Release form

Hello.

The US EPA has prepared the following information resource:

EPA is committed to working closely with response agencies and state and local officials to ensure the safety of citizens, respond to concerns and to evaluate impact to water contaminated by the Gold King Mine Release. EPA is sharing information as quickly as possible with the public as experts work to evaluate any effects the spill may have on drinking water, public health, agriculture, fish and wildlife. Please see our website for the latest information: http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine Regular updates will be posted as they are available.

EPA Hotline: 844-607-9700 (toll-free)

From: drupal\_admin@epa.gov <drupal\_admin@epa.gov> on behalf of EPA <drupal\_admin@epa.gov> Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 9:55 PM

To: R8EISC

Subject: Form submission from: Emergency Response to Gold King Mine Release Contact Us About Emergency Response to the Gold King Mine Release form

Submitted on 08/13/2015 5:55PM Submitted values are:

Name:

Email Address:

Comments: Your write up about the Gold King Mine Release indicates that the mine wastewater is being treated to a pH of 5.5 before release to the waterway. EPA doesn't allow discharges to a public sewer below 5.0 due to concerns about damage to biological treatment. EPA should be treating the wastewater to a neutral pH before sending it to the environment.